

JUSTICE

We strive to live ever more deeply into diversity, inclusivity and equity, so that all may be one.



2 new initiatives created – **Community Respite & Resiliency** – providing retreat experiences for restoration and renewal to grassroots leaders who serve communities of color; and collaboration with **The River Food Pantry** to support a fully nourished community

\$21,386 granted to Luke House, Vera Court, MOSES, Hispanic Ministry, SARTHI and The River Food Pantry

CARE FOR THE EARTH

We share our outdoor spaces for individual, group, spiritual and ecological restoration, growth, healing, connection and learning.



3 new environmental educational guides on deciduous trees, conifers and deciduous shrubs

1,000 volunteer hours caring for the earth

\$41,291 donated to support the Friends of Wisdom Prairie memberships, restoration projects, internship and eco-spirituality experiences

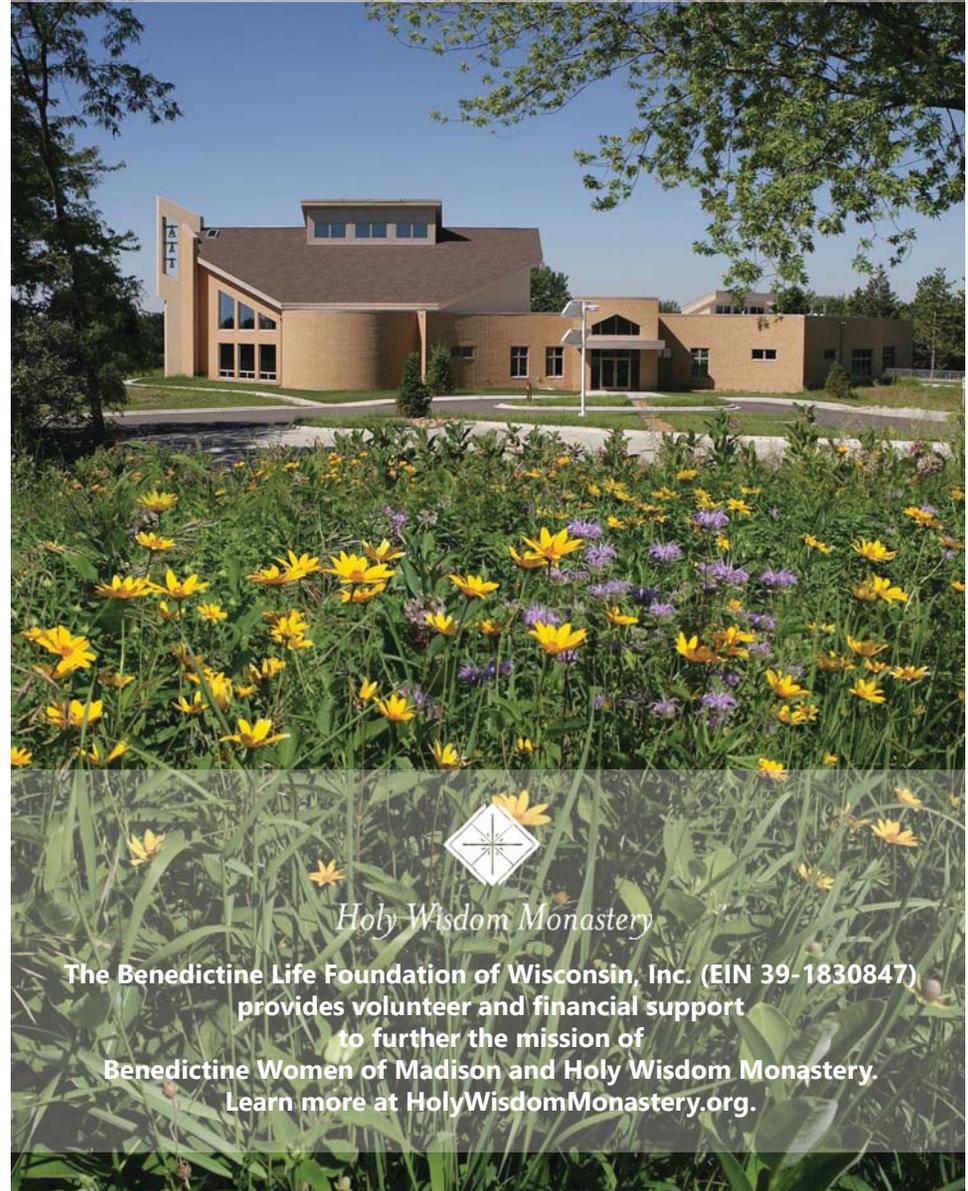
WISDOM FUND

The top fundraising priority to help achieve sustainability in all our essential resources.

\$364,408 donated in support of the sisters' mission, where most needed

2020

BENEDICTINE LIFE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT



Holy Wisdom Monastery

The Benedictine Life Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. (EIN 39-1830847) provides volunteer and financial support to further the mission of Benedictine Women of Madison and Holy Wisdom Monastery. Learn more at HolyWisdomMonastery.org.

Dear Friends,

In a year filled with grief and loss, we were deeply touched by the outpouring of support we received from you, our donors. **Your extraordinary love of the sisters and the mission of the monastery resulted in \$835,815 donated by 803 donors** to continue the mission of weaving prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth into a shared way of life.

New ways of building community emerged and you embraced virtual opportunities of prayer and worship, learning and socializing. And the communities grew! When indoor gatherings stopped, our sacred land offered respite for those seeking a place for peaceful meditation, nature exploration and recreation.

Your donations made it possible to pay the coworkers; promote membership to the sisters' community; care for the sisters, communities, facilities and land; purchase additional equipment to make the indoor spaces safe; support our neighbors in need; and offer prayer and worship opportunities to our communities and beyond.

Thank you for believing in the mission and ministries of the monastery and offering your gifts so we could continue to build communities and impact the lives of thousands.

Blessings,

Sister Mary David Walgenbach, Prioress | Charles P. McLimans, CEO

SUPPORT & REVENUE

REVENUE

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Wisdom Fund | \$364,408 |
| Prayer | \$10,160 |
| Sunday Assembly | \$220,638 |
| Oblates | \$17,476 |
| Hospitality & Facilities | \$104,687 |
| Justice | \$38,397 |
| Care for the Earth | \$22,597 |
| Friends of Wisdom Prairie | \$18,694 |
| In-kind | \$38,758 |

Total Support & Revenue \$835,815

EXPENSES

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Payroll & Operations | \$409,190 |
| Grants | |
| Wisdom Fund | \$16,452 |
| Prayer | \$3,916 |
| Sunday Assembly | \$164,503 |
| Oblates | \$20,556 |
| Hospitality & Facilities | \$32,772 |
| Justice | \$10,802 |
| Care for the Earth | \$20,833 |
| Friends of Wisdom Prairie | \$3,463 |
| In-kind | <u>\$32,683</u> |
| Total Grants | \$305,980 |

Total Expenses \$715,170

Gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. For more information contact Amy Bonomie at 608-836-1631, x124 or abonomie@holylwisdommonastery.org.



To donate, scan QR code with smartphone camera app or visit HolyWisdomMonastery.org.

PRAYER

We offer beauty, balance, stability, prayer in common, worship, contemplative silence and respect to all.



6% increase in Sunday Assembly members and

20.7% increase in attendance

4,329 hours of live streamed prayer, worship & spirituality offerings

\$248,274 donated to uplift the essential role of ecumenical prayer, worship, community life and spiritual experiences

Photo by Sandy Wojtal-Weber 2019 Easter Vigil

HOSPITALITY

We respect all people, and welcome guests with diverse views and customs.



333 personal retreatants visited in the 7 months we were open

5,458 volunteer hours and

148 volunteers

\$25,800 donated for the Healthy Hospitality initiative to ensure a safe and welcoming reopen post-pandemic

BENEDICTINE VALUES SHAPE ALL THAT WE DO

At Holy Wisdom Monastery, our mission, vision and ministries are shaped by values drawn from the Rule of Benedict: beauty, balance, simplicity, silence and respect for all of creation.